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Churchwardens now officially appointed

ALTHOUGH elected to office by the Annual Meeting of Parishioners back in April, our two churchwardens for 2011-2012 only became 'official' at a special service in May. Jackie Riglin (picture, left) and Stephen Ridley were among a number of churchwardens from across the area who met at St Luke's Church in Victoria Road for what is known as 'the Archdeacon's Visitation.'

The job of churchwarden is an ancient and important one, and all the more significant when the parish is 'in vacancy' after the Vicar has left.

Sunday Services this month

Sunday 5th June—Ascension Sunday
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist
6.00 pm United service at St George's

Sunday 12th June—Pentecost
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist

Sunday 19th June—Trinity Sunday
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist
3.00 pm United Service at Chesterton Methodists

Sunday 26th June—Trinity 1
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Family Service

Sunday 3rd July—Trinity 2
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist
6.00 pm United service at St George's

Sunday 10th July—Trinity 3
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist

Sunday 17th July—Trinity 4
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist
3.00 pm United Service at Chesterton Methodists

Sunday 24th July—Trinity 5
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Family Service

Sunday 31st July—Trinity 6
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist

Morning prayer daily at 8.00 am (Saturdays 9 am)
Midweek Communion: Weds at 10.00 am

Vicar: Reverend Stephen Bowring
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**The Vicar's last Sunday at
St George's will be July 10th**

THE announcement in last month's 'Challenge' that this issue would be the last in the present format has produced a remarkable response.

We always knew—and our advertisers confirmed—that 'Challenge' was amazingly well-read and valued by many who have received it over the last half-century. We also were well aware that we couldn't have managed to keep going without the help of an army of volunteer deliverers and other helpers.

But finding those volunteers has got harder over the years, and fewer have been shouldering a

greater burden each month.

One man has been at the heart of the paper since its inception—our intrepid news editor Don Flory, and we all owe him a great debt of gratitude for his tireless work.

One thing the Parochial Church Council is very keen on is to maintain something of the network this publication has given us; and to keep in touch with you all. To this end we are exploring ways to produce a less frequent 'flier' with news of the church and what's going on.

Offers of help with

**End of
an era?**

this new venture would be greatly appreciated.

A final vote of thanks, too, to Norman and the team at FalconPrint for all their help and support over the years.

And a final invitation from your vicar: Sunday July 10th at 10.00 am will be my final service at St George's—it will be wonderful to see as many as can make it to 'see me off!'

Festival is ready to go!

AFTER considerable efforts and work by a very enthusiastic Steering Committee over past months, the Chesterton Festival, to be held between 24-26 June, is all set to take off!

Among the many activities during the weekend will be an outdoor musical event for all the family at

Brown's Field Community Centre on the Friday evening, followed with many arena events, stalls, etc. on Pye's Rec on the Saturday. There will also be a photographic competition and a flower display in nearby St Andrew's Church.

As well as a United Service at Chesterton Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon, there will be a trail around some of the historic sites of

Chesterton with a specially devised quiz.

The Festival will finish on Sunday evening with a BBQ and a tug-of-war competition at the 'Green Dragon' pub from 6pm onwards.

There is still time to enter the photo competition and programmes will be available from early June from all venues. Telephone 420309 or 306150 for information.



Bill and Elizabeth Newman celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary at St George's Church.

Golden Day for Elizabeth and Bill

CONGRATULATIONS to two very active members of St George's Church, Bill and Elizabeth Newman, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in April.

They were married at the former Victoria Road Congregational Church on 3 April, 1961 before setting up home in Izaak Walton Way, where they have

lived for the past 50 years; they have two daughters.

At St George's, Bill and Elizabeth help to run the Pram Pushers, the group for pre-school children, which meets weekly in the church hall.

Elizabeth has been a member of St George's choir for many years, and both are regular bowlers at Chesterton Bowls Club.

Nuffield Road Surgery News

AS MANY people will know, significant changes are planned in the future for the NHS, and in particular the role played by the General Practitioner.

One important alteration at the Nuffield Road Medical Centre in East Chesterton, along with seven other local GP practices, is the formation of a 'GP commissioning cluster' called CamHealth, who say it is vital that patients are given every opportunity to have their say about the practice they belong to.

The Nuffield Road surgery, along with the other practices, already has a thriving Patient Participation Group through which patients can voice their views and opinions, etc.

In order to enhance the role of the Group and to create a strong channel for patient views to be communicated to the Management Board, Suzy Howes has been appointed as a Lay patient representative to the Board.

Suzy said: "I took up this role in January and I

welcome help and constructive suggestions from patients at the Nuffield Road Surgery, and I can be reached either by leaving a note at the practice or by emailing me at : suzy.howes@nhs.net.

This CamHealth cluster also includes the Bot-tisham Medical Practice, Arbury Road surgery, The Firs, Histon, Newnham Walk surgery, the Cherry Hinton Medical Practice, East Burwell Health centre, and the Milton surgery.

New Bishop comes to St George's

THE Bishop of Ely, the Rt Revd Stephen Conway, is to make his first visit to St George's Church on Thursday, 9 June when he will confirm a number of people who attend churches in the North Cambridge deanery. Bishop Conway was installed at Ely Cathedral in February.

After a spell in Durham the Bishop was installed Suffragan Bishop of Ramsbury, in the Diocese of Salisbury, where he served for five years before moving to Ely.

School rewards good attendance

CHILDREN attending the Shirley Primary School have recently been introduced to a weekly attendance raffle in class, when pupils from each class in the upper school choose from five free privileges to have as a prize.

Prizes ranged from going into lunch first with a friend, to sitting on a cushion in class!

The attendance awards have been proved to be very popular with the chil-

dren, and they look forward to seeing if their name is pulled out of the raffle in their class.

The children only get to choose a privilege if they have had 100 per cent attendance for that week.

Recently some of the Shirley School children visited the Manor School, Arbury Road who gave them and their teachers lots of ideas of how to reward school attendance, with the result that the youngsters have taken one of the ideas to trial during the present term.

If a pupil has 100% attendance between 25 April until 15 July, they receive a free ticket to the school's summer disco!

St. GEORGE'S HALL USERS

Mondays:

PLAYLANDERS PLAYGROUP: 9 am-2.45pm

Mrs. Susan Lister: 420954

SLIMMING WORLD: 7.30 pm

Contact Carole Stefan-Saunders 07990 588900

Tuesdays:

KETTLE CLUB: 10.30-12 noon

(1st Tuesday of the month)

OVER SIXTIES CLUB: 1.45-4 pm

(2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month)

Anne Baker: 423367

LUNCH CLUB

(3rd Tuesday of the month)

Arthur Clapp: 500220

RAINBOWS & BROWNIES: 5-7 pm

Julie Beaumont 321736

Wednesdays:

PLAYLANDERS PLAYGROUP: 9 am-2.45pm

Thursdays:

PRAM PUSHERS: 10-11.30 am

Patricia Abrey: 425915 or Elizabeth Newman: 424993

CHESTERTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

7.00 pm—8.30 pm The Vicar: 423374

Fridays:

PLAYLANDERS PLAYGROUP: 9 am-1pm

Saturdays:

CHESTERTON BALLET SCHOOL:

9.30 am-3.30 pm

Sue Pocock: 366588

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Local election results see Lib-Dems lose their seats

AFTER a continuous number of wins over past years by Lib Dem candidates standing for City Council seats in the East Chesterton and King's Hedges wards, the party received a nasty shock when this year's results were declared on 5 May – both seats being gained by Labour.

At East Chesterton, Clare Blair, who had represented the ward since 2007 and who was seeking re-election, was surprisingly beaten by Labour campaigner, Geri Bird, who gained a substantial 221 vote majority.

The last occasion Labour won a City Council seat in this ward was in 1999 when Pat Johnston defeated Jennifer Liddle, the Lib Dem candidate, with a majority of 72 votes. Since then Lib Dem candidates have won the seat every year – until now!

Last year, when two seats were contested, the Lib Dem candidates, Sue Kerr and Roman Znajek – were successful, gaining a combined majority of 172 votes.

In King's Hedges, a Labour stronghold for many years, Mike Pitt, the Lib Dem candidate who had represented the ward for the past four years, was defeated by 175 votes by the

Labour candidate Kevin Price.

Since the ward was formed in 1976, Labour had won the seat on the City and County Councils every year until 2006, when the Lib Dem candidate, Marian Holness, gained a 301 vote majority.

Last year, Simon Brierley for the Lib Dem's, gained a 250 vote majority over the late Elizabeth Hughes, the Labour candidate.

Planning App.

AN application to build a three bedroom house at the rear of 412 Milton Road, and next to the Co-operative store at the junction with Green End Road, has been approved, subject to a number of conditions, by the City Council's North Area Committee.

In 2006 permission was granted by the City Council for three flats to be built on the roof of the nearby Co-op premises, although they were never constructed. That permission has now expired, but the Council say that if these plans were resubmitted they would have a bearing upon the site and the rear of 412 Milton Road.

Results declared on 5 May:
EAST CHESTERTON: Geri Bird (Lab) 1132; Clare Blair (Lib Dem) 912; Kevin Francis (Con) 488; Peter Pope (Green) 312; Peter Burkinshaw (UKIP) 106. Lab gain, majority 221 votes.

KING'S HEDGES: Kevin Price (Lab) 904; Mike Pitt (Lib Dem) 729; Annette Karimi (Con) 390; Ian Tyes (Ind) 137; Martin Booth (Camb. Soc) 99. Lab gain, majority 175 votes.

MBE's for local couple

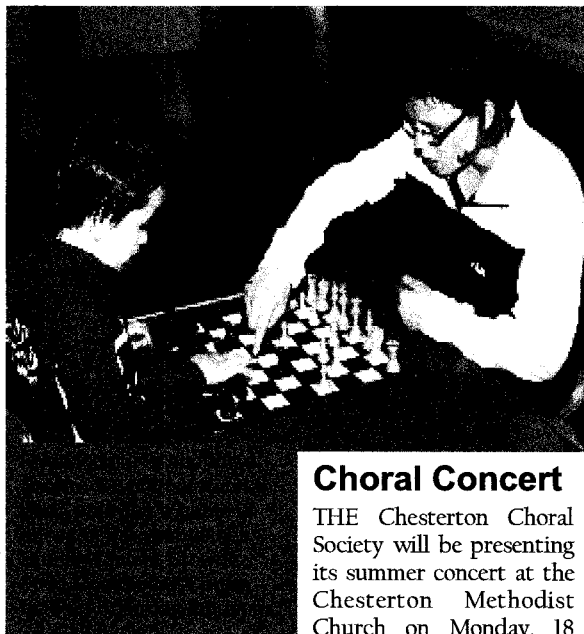
A FORMER Chesterton schoolgirl, Claire Harri, together with her husband, Joel, will each receive the MBE at a special award ceremony to be held at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday, 28 June.

They were given the awards for organising the evacuation of nearly 100 people, including children, after violence had erupted in the city of Osh, Kyrgyzstan (formerly part of the Soviet Union) in June last year.

Arbury Carnival: JUNE 11th 2011

JUST a reminder that the organisers of the Arbury Carnival are all set to stage this very popular event on Saturday, 11 June.

The colourful procession will start from the King's Hedges Primary School, Northfield Avenue at 12 noon and will travel to Campkin Road finishing at the Town Park next to the Arbury Community Centre.



Choral Concert

THE Chesterton Choral Society will be presenting its summer concert at the Chesterton Methodist Church on Monday, 18 July at 7.30pm.

The concert entitled 'As Time Goes By' will include a selection of light popular songs for a summer's evening. Tickets, £6 each (under 16 £3) can be obtained at the door or by telephoning 501091 or 243190.

This concert is always a very pleasant evening of music and song, much appreciated in past years by a large audience of local people.



Assistant scout leaders from the 26th Cambridge Scout Group enjoying a Royal Wedding Breakfast at the home of Mark and Sandra Langford of King's Hedges Road before the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton on 29 May. Mr and Mrs Langford have actively assisted the scout group for many years at its H.Q. in Logan's Way.

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St George's Clubs

ST GEORGE'S Kettle Club will be meeting in the church hall on Tuesday, 1 June and Tuesday, 5 July at 10.30am for coffee, tea biscuits - and, of course, a good old chat amongst themselves!

The popular Over 60's Club, who also meet in the church hall, will be holding a Birthday event on Tuesday, 14 June, followed two weeks later by a talk about the 'Cambridge Bobby Scheme' on Tuesday, 28 June. The scheme is a charitable organisation which provides a service to older people helping them to reduce the chance of being burgled by improving home security.

The Over 60's continue their meetings the following month with a talk by Miss V Bennett from the 'Gardens & the National Trust' on Tuesday, 12 July, followed with a talk by Michele Tattersall about 'Oakhouse Foods' on Tuesday, 22 July. All meetings begin at 1.45pm.

St George's Lunch Club members will be sitting down to another excellent meal in the church hall on Tuesday, 21 June and again on Tuesday, 19 July. Both lunches begin at 12.30pm.

Contact Arthur Clapp on 500220 if you are unable to attend.

Sunshine Group

THE Sunshine Group for the over 50's who are based at the Brown's Field Community Centre, have arranged a number of events in the coming weeks.

On Monday, 6 June, the group is to visit Burwash Manor, Barton, the coach will leave the centre at 1pm, followed on Monday, 20 June by a Quiz and Bring & Buy afternoon.

A bingo session has been arranged for the afternoon of Monday, 4 July, with a coach trip planned to visit Lowestoft on Monday, 18 July.

The cost will be £10 for members and £12 for non members if any local residents would like to join the group on this occasion. Telephone the centre on 420309 to book a seat, or ring 423282.

Arbury TG

THE Arbury Townswomen's Guild will meet at the Arbury Community Centre on Thursday, 16 June when a talk will be

given about DONARBON, the recycling centre. All welcome at 2.30pm.

First Aid Course

ANOTHER First Aid course is to be held at the Arbury Community Centre on Saturday, 30 July between 9.30am - 4.30pm.

This is a basic one day Emergency First Aid work certified course appropriate for anyone wanting to act as an appointed person in the workplace, or anyone wanting a basic level of knowledge for the home.

The cost is £7 for residents living in King's Hedges, otherwise £10 for those residing elsewhere and includes a First Aid Book, certificate and refreshments - although those attending will need to bring their own lunch.

To book a place contact Maria Cassidy on 508197 or call in at No37 Lawrence Way.

Grovebury Ladies

THE Grovebury Ladies Club will be meeting on Tuesday evenings at the Arbury Community Centre at 8pm during June and July as follows: JUNE: 7- Summer Auction; 14- 'Love food, hate waste!', talk, Vicky Lacey; 21- Fiona's Fancy, a talk about jewellery; 28- Summer Mystery - a meal out; JULY: 5- Quiz, bring & buy, bottle

& crisps and bingo; 12- AGM with breads and cheeses; 19- Summer social with the entertainer Lacy Anderson.

Public Meeting

THE next City Council North Area public meeting will be held at the Manor School, Arbury Road on Thursday, 14 July at 6.30pm onwards.

Local councillors and Officers will be holding surgeries at the beginning of the meeting for half an hour or so.

The next 'Eat and Meet' meeting for leaders of organisations and churches of the King's Hedges estate will be held at the North Arbury Chapel, Cameron Road on Tuesday, 7 June at 12 noon.

Family History help

IF you are about to look into your family's past history, the Cambs Family History Society may be able to help you.

Members of the society will be at the Arbury Court Branch Library on Friday, 10 June and Friday, 8 July between 10am - 1pm to help anyone who is interested in researching their family history. No appointment in needed.

KHNP

THE King's Hedges Neighbourhood Partnership is to organise two

seaside trips for local families this summer.

On Tuesday, 2 August there will be an outing to Gt Yarmouth, followed on Tuesday, 30 August by a trip to Hunstanton.

Tickets go on sale on Wednesday, 29 June from 10am at No37 Lawrence Way - adults £6, children £3.

For further information telephone 508197.

Plant Sale success

THE St George's Plant Stall, held outside the church on 7 May, raised a magnificent £427

The organisers would like to thank the many local residents who provided plants and those who bought them.

The proceeds go towards providing flower displays in the church throughout the year.

Tea Party Thanks

CAROL Akal, Project Worker at the Brown's Field Community Centre would like to thank Michelle Noble and Lisa-Marie Clements for their efforts and hard work at the Easter Tea Party and also for the many people who brought special cups and saucers for the event.

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